

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PAT VEZINA

• Mr. BEGICH. Madam President, today I wish to recognize a milestone for my constituent Pat Vezina. On Friday, December 4, 2009, Pat will mark the 50th anniversary of her arrival in the State of Alaska. Alaska became a State in January 1959 and Pat made it her home less than a year later, one of thousands of people who have built our State over the last half century.

Pat was born in Wallsend, Northumberland, England, on June 4, 1931, to Clement and Constance Boothroyd. She grew up in Jesmond, Northumberland, and was evacuated for a short time during World War II before returning home to live with her parents for the duration of the war. After attending nursing school in Leeds, England, she emigrated to Canada and then to Alaska.

Pat worked as a registered nurse in the labor and delivery department at Providence Hospital, one of Alaska's finest institutions. She began her Alaska nursing career at "Old Providence" hospital where hundreds of new Alaskans, including me, were born. After marrying and having two children of her own, she returned to nursing at "New Providence" where she worked for 30 years before her retirement in 1996.

Pat has an abiding love for the beauty of Alaska. She enjoys walking on the beaches of Homer, buying summer flowers for her garden in the greenhouses of the Matanuska Valley, picking berries at Sheep Mountain Lodge, and an afternoon with a friend at Summit Lake Lodge. She is loved by her children Karen and John and by the close friends she has made over the last 50 years.

Madam President and colleagues, please join me in honoring and recognizing Pat Vezina on the 50th anniversary of her arrival in Alaska. •

RECOGNIZING THE 169TH FIGHTER WING

• Mr. DEMINT. Madam President, Senator GRAHAM joins me today to congratulate the men and women of the 169th Fighter Wing stationed at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, SC, for their outstanding service in defending our Nation and for their great achievements at the 2009 Falcon Air Meet.

It has been 8 years since the attacks of 9/11 and the record of continuous operations for the 169th is an inspiration to us all. Shortly after the attacks, McEntire personnel deployed to Southwest Asia, directly participating in combat operations in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, pounding al-Qaida and Taliban insurgents. Later,

the 169th FW mobilized and deployed as part of what became Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. The Swamp Foxes flew more than 400 combat missions, performing the Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses mission and flying numerous precision bombing missions over Iraq.

However, when the 169th isn't defending freedom, they are winning awards and bringing home trophies. We are especially proud of the 169th's accomplishments at the 2009 Falcon Air Meet, a multinational F-16 competition. The Swamp Foxes represented the United States against other Nation's fighter crews. They finished first in four of five competition categories, earning the Large Force Employment Trophy, Scramble Launch and Intercept Competition, Weapons Load Competition, Top Overall Maintenance Award, and was recognized with the Top Overall Competition Award. These are impressive achievements that bring great credit upon the 169th.

On behalf of the people of the State of South Carolina and our great country, Senator GRAHAM and I want to salute the outstanding work of the 169th.

We are amazed by their stories, and humbled by the immense burdens they have shouldered. Their dedication, and their families' sacrifices are an inspiration, and our country owes them a debt of gratitude for their patriotic service. •

REMEMBERING MALCOLM SHERMAN

• Ms. MIKULSKI. Madam President, I wish to pay to tribute the life and legacy of Malcolm Sherman.

Malcolm Sherman was part of that extraordinary generation that fought for America during World War II, and then fought for what America stands for during the rest of his life.

He joined the Marines after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and served during the Guadalcanal campaign. When he returned home, he built a family with his beloved wife Mimi, and he built a career in real estate.

He truly lived his life according to the Jewish principle of "tikkun olam"—the repair of the world through the pursuit of social justice. He worked for peace and civil rights throughout his life. He also was a leader in the effort to ending segregation and discrimination in housing. Perhaps his greatest legacies are his children and grandchildren, who live by his principles of service.

I ask that an obituary of Mr. Sherman written by Frederick Rasmussen of the Baltimore Sun be printed in the RECORD.

The information follows.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Baltimore Sun, Nov. 21, 2009]

MALCOLM SHERMAN: FORMER ROUSE CO. EXECUTIVE BATTLED BLOCKBUSTING IN BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE 1950S AND 1960S

(By Frederick N. Rasmussen)

Malcolm "Mal" Sherman, a former Rouse Co. executive and real estate agent who bat-

tled blockbusting and worked tirelessly for integrated neighborhoods during the 1950s and 1960s, died Thursday of pneumonia at the Broadmead retirement community in Cockeysville. He was 87.

Mr. Sherman was born in Philadelphia and spent his early years there. After the death of his father in 1927, he was sent abroad to a boarding school in Lausanne, Switzerland, where he lived until returning to New York City in 1932.

After graduating from Horace Mann School in New York City, Mr. Sherman attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He dropped out of college and enlisted in the Marine Corps two days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Sherman was wounded while serving as a master sergeant during the Guadalcanal campaign and was honorably discharged at war's end.

He was a founder of the United Nations Veterans League, which worked for world peace.

After the war, Mr. Sherman and his wife, the former Miriam "Mimi" Heller, whom he married in 1943, moved to San Francisco, where he was a salesman for Paul Masson Wines.

In 1949, Mr. Sherman moved to Baltimore to be closer to his wife's family. He earned his real estate license and established Mal Sherman Inc. Realtors. His staff consisted of 18 men and 18 women, at a time when there were few women in the business.

"I always had an interest in houses and land," Mr. Sherman said in a 1999 interview with the Maryland Realtor. "I thought I could help people make a decision. I wanted to help families find a better quality of life. It was a way for me to combine business and social work all in one."

In the early days, Mr. Sherman confronted anti-Semitism and segregated neighborhoods.

"As a Jewish real estate broker, I was not allowed to show property east of Falls Road," he recalled in the interview.

In 1953, when Mr. Sherman tried to stabilize a neighborhood that was undergoing blockbusting, he appealed to white residents to stay.

They rebuffed his plea and refused to do business with him because of his integrationist views.

Even after the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1954 that declared "separate but equal" unconstitutional, discrimination in real estate continued.

In 1960, Mr. Sherman decided it was time to hire African-American real estate agents and brought Lee Martin, a Morgan State graduate, into his company.

While working for Baltimore Neighborhoods Inc. in the early 1960s, Mr. Sherman began to push fair-housing issues and in a news conference said he would sell to anyone "regardless of race, creed, or color."

When baseball great Frank Robinson came to Baltimore to play for the Orioles in 1966, he instructed Mr. Sherman to find a home for him and his family in a white neighborhood.

"He didn't want to be segregated," Mr. Sherman recalled in an interview. After persuading the white neighbors to accept Mr. Robinson, Mr. Sherman was still attacked by a local builder for "breaking the block."

President John F. Kennedy appointed him to the Equal Opportunity for Housing in America Committee.

Mrs. Sherman, who died in 2005, joined her husband in his quest for open housing and civil rights.

"All that black people wanted was the right to buy or rent anyplace, regardless of race, creed or color, and once given that

right, they didn't necessarily inundate and run to the neighborhoods that they had been barred from," Mr. Sherman told *The Sun* in 2001.

He was later joined by other local brokers such as Russell T. Baker and Bill Wilson in the push for fair-housing laws that finally became a reality in 1968 when Congress passed legislation, but his crusade took a toll on his firm.

"Because he felt so strongly about these issues, it eventually put him out of business. It was a terrible thing to have happened," said Sandy Marenberg, president of MEI Real Estate in Baltimore.

"Mal held to his views all the way until the end of his life. He was a real hero and mentor in the Baltimore real estate community," Mr. Marenberg said.

In 1967, Mr. Sherman was named residential land sales director for the Rouse Co., and three years later was promoted to director of sales and land marketing in Columbia.

Mr. Sherman was named Rouse Co. vice president in 1971 with responsibilities for all residential land sales and helped steer Columbia toward racial diversity.

When he went to work for the Rouse Co., Mr. Sherman found a boon companion in Jim Rouse, the company founder, who shared his views.

"We were combating a trend, and Jim was frightened. He didn't want it [Columbia] to come out like the city," Mr. Sherman recalled in a 2000 interview in *The Sun*. "He wanted all of the people mixed all over the place; that was the social goal."

"He was a charismatic man always trying to help someone. He discriminated against no one," said James Holechek, a retired Baltimore public relations executive.

"It was a personal testimony when he was sought out and hired by Jim Rouse. To me, Mal Sherman was always Mr. Real Estate in Maryland," he said.

A liberal Democrat and an anti-war activist, Mr. Sherman found himself on the Nixon White House's enemies list after founding *Businessmen Against the Vietnam War*.

That's "great news" he told *The Sun* in 1973. "It's the best thing I have to tell my son about myself. I feel better about this than any kind of honor that could come to me," he said.

After leaving the Rouse Co. in the early 1970s, Mr. Sherman went to work for Phipps Land Co. and later Ackerman & Co., a real estate firm based in Atlanta. He returned from Atlanta in 1981 when he was appointed Baltimore-Washington area regional vice president for the firm.

Mr. Sherman continued working as a real estate consultant after leaving Ackerman. He retired in 2001.

"He was arguably the wisest, most caring adviser and thinker in the Baltimore real estate world," said Martin L. Millspaugh Jr., who was the first chief executive of Charles Center-Inner Harbor Management Inc.

"His life made a difference over many years, in ways that will become even more apparent as time goes by," Mr. Millspaugh said.

He was a former president of the Real Estate Board of Greater Baltimore and in 1999 was awarded the Maryland Real Estate Board Life Achievement Award. Recently, he was honored for his civil rights work by the National Association of Realtors.

A former resident of the Colonnade in Homewood, Mr. Sherman was a member of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at Sol Levinson and Bros., 8900 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville.

Surviving are two daughters, Wendy R. Sherman of Bethesda and Andrea Sherman of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.; and two grandchildren. His son, Douglas Sherman, died in 1981.●

REMEMBERING ROYAL J. "BUD" WOOD

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I mourn the loss of Royal J. "Bud" Wood, of Warner SD. Bud passed away on November 19, 2009, at the age of 87.

Born and raised in Warner, Bud will be remembered as a man who committed his life to his family and community. Bud celebrated his life with his wife Dorothy, his 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. His passion for his faith, family, and friends was unwavering as he spent much of his time at church and family activities.

Although Bud was extremely dedicated to his family, he will also be remembered for his service to the State of South Dakota. I got to know Bud when his wife Dorothy managed Senator James Abdnor's office in Aberdeen. Elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives in 1966, Bud was one of the longest serving representatives, working for the people of South Dakota for 26 years. While a member of the State legislature, he served in many different capacities including: assistant majority leader, speaker pro tempore, speaker of the house, along with vicechairman of the Legislative Research Council and chairman of the Local Government Study Commission and Local Government Standing Committee. Bud also served on the Presidential Task Force for both President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush.

Beyond his political career, Bud was a talented auctioneer at Hub City Livestock Auction for 25 years. He was on the board of directors for the South Dakota Wheat Growers, the Warner Elevator Board, and at one time a church council member at St. John's Lutheran Church in Warner.

Bud was a man who was always willing and determined to help out his neighbor. A mentor, confidant, and friend, he selflessly impacted his community in a positive way.

Today I wish to celebrate the life of an extraordinary public servant and leader. As we mourn the loss of this great South Dakotan, I extend my thoughts, prayers and best wishes to Bud's family, friends, and loved ones.●

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS KURT JAROS

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Thomas Kurt Jaros, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Kurt is a graduate of Downers Grove South High School in Downers Grove, IL. Currently he is attending the Biola University, where he is majoring in philosophy and political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kurt for all

of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS D'AQUILA

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Dennis D'Aquila, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Dennis is a graduate of Wantagh High School in Wantagh, NY. Currently he is attending the Catholic University of America, where he is majoring in politics. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Dennis for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DYLAN KESSLER

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Dylan Thomas Kessler, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Dylan is a graduate of Roncalli High School in Aberdeen, SD. Currently he is attending the Hillsdale College, where he is majoring in English. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Dylan for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO BRITTON PALKE

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Britton Jo Palke, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Britton is a graduate of MACCRA in Clara City, MN. Currently she is attending the Southeastern University, where she is majoring in journalism. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Britton for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ALELI PARDO

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Aleli Marie Pardo, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Aleli is a graduate of Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami,